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For: **MECHANICALLY EMBOSSED
SINGLE PLY ROOFING MEMBRANE
FOR ANTI-ROLL BLOCKING**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the suggested procedure of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of all of the prior art references identified on the enclosed list, which are considered to comprise the closest prior art of which the undersigned attorney, the inventors and anyone else believed to have been substantially involved in the preparation of this application are aware. Each of these references will be discussed below in a brief paragraph.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,134,856, issued to Khan et al. on October 24, 2000, discloses a roll roofing membrane comprising: a support sheet, a top layer, a bottom layer wherein the top and bottom layers comprise an atactic polypropylene (APP) modified bitumen. The top layer has a selvage edge disposed along one side of the membrane and the bottom layer has a second selvage edge disposed along the opposite side of the membrane. Each of the selvage edges has a series of embossed ridges and valleys adapted to accept adhesives.

2. U.S. Patent No. 6,544,909, issued to Venkataswamy et al. on April 8, 2003, discloses a single ply reinforced roofing membrane comprising: a polyolefin cap layer; a polyolefin base layer, and a reinforcement scrim sandwiched between the cap layer and

the base layer. A highly, flowable, functional polyolefin is incorporated into one or both layers to modify the surface polarity of the layers and thereby to insure adhesion between the layers and the reinforcing scrim.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 10206819, Publication No. 00038809TP, discloses color roofing material and manufacturing method thereof.

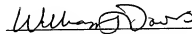
A roofing material 1 is formed of color steel plates, and a substrate color layer 4 on which a color paint is applied is formed on the surface thereof. A wood grainy irregular pattern 2 is formed on the upper face 1A of the roofing material 1 by embossing. Different colors from each other are applied in the protrusions 3A of the recessions 3B of the irregular pattern 2.

Only the word "Embossing" implies relevance to the present invention.

None of the references describe or suggest the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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